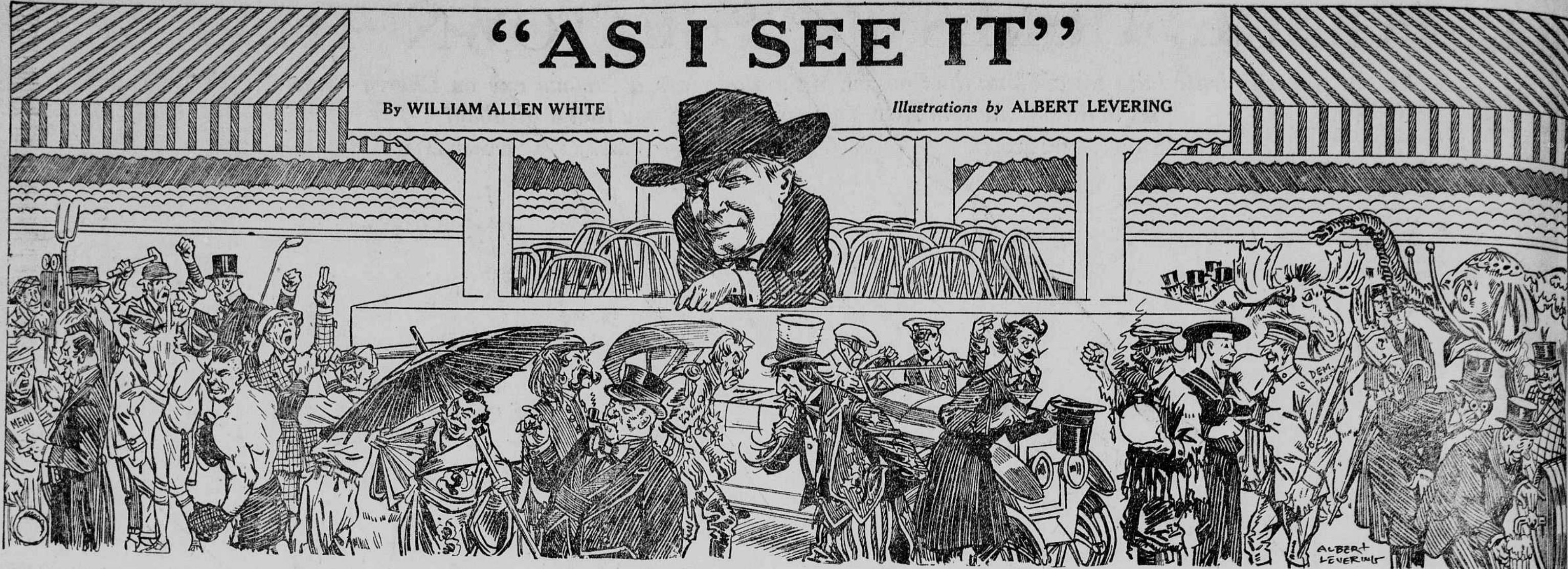


# "AS I SEE IT"

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## Nobody's Tariff

FOR more than a year the Republicans have been revising the tariff. For eight months it has been before the Senate. Here and there a beneficiary of the tariff, speaking of some special schedule in which his constituents are interested, commends a little of it. It is like the curate's egg. Parts of it are good, he assured the Bishop at breakfast when asked to have a substitute, but on the whole it is rotten.

Clearly the wool schedules are higher than the infamous schedule "K" which Taft denounced as "indefensible." Every few days some conscience-stricken Republican Senator rises in his place and produces an alibi against the miserable tariff. Fordney, its sponsor in the House of Representatives, has retired from politics and Senator McCumber has been retired from politics. The best that either sponsor has said for the tariff is that its schedules are no worse than the McKinley tariff, the Dingley tariff or the Payne-Aldrich tariff. And what happened after each one of these tariff bills was enacted is tragic history in the Republican party.

Yet the Fordney-McCumber bill will pass. The sheer momentum of the tariff idea in the Republican party will pass it. The voters are against it; they have registered wrath in nearly every primary since the bill was introduced. Members of Congress fear the bill. The party leadership has no enthusiasm for the bill. Big business and little business are clearly against the bill. Nowhere may one find a reasonable motive for its passage. But, because for sixty years the Republican party has been a protective tariff party, tradition will force the bill through Congress.

And tradition is only the tail light of a car without a motor, without a starter, without transmission, with only a gas tank. The tail light and the maker's name are all that distinguish the old tradition from a mad hallucination. It is curious that so smart a group of politicians as those who sit in Washington and control the Republican party should be coerced by a ghost into biting their own heads off.

## The Doubting Heart

THE coal strike is running into months, the rail strike into weeks, and the nation does nothing in particular. We have much talk;

many fine impulses. A few moments that look like crises and then we drift. Gradually the situation gets worse. Not much worse, but definitely worse. Washington stirs, moves casually, stops, starts and in the end drifts. And all this indecision, all this vague and purposeless aspiration, frittering away time and going no place, is but a reflection of the doubt in the people's hearts.

No one demands that the Federal Administration act drastically. No organization or group or party is clamoring for results. We are all drifting. The world's heart is numb. Its emotions are spent. Its purpose is broken. All that is left is doubt, negation, a passion to sit still and let things happen. And when bad things happen and keep happening, still we do not rouse. Russia, England, India, America—all the world is paralyzed by a doubting heart.

## These Flabby Times

SO ELMER DOVER has resigned from the Treasury Department—Elmer Dover, Senator Mark Hanna's private secretary twenty years ago, who was appointed last year to restore normalcy to the pie foundry in Washington. His resignation came because he could not get jobs for the hungry in the Department of Internal Revenue. The Secretary of the Treasury, being a busy man, had no use for the hungry; the Collector of Internal Revenue had made other arrangements. And the famine remained unbroken; hunger raged among the faithful.

It was as though a real he-Republican had not been elected President two years ago. For all the boys are getting out of it, they might have nominated Hoover at Chicago, or "The New Republic," or the good, the true and the beautiful. Democrats are holding on to fat and desirable jobs under the civil service as though we had McAdoo and the League of Nations and all the train of Wilson malfeasances.

It's awful, yet it is about what the people wanted. After all, outside of the fractional per cent of party workers, no one cares who has the appointive offices under government if the work is reasonably well done, and it is less likely to be reasonably well done with political appointees than with men glued to their job with the civil service.

Neither class is perfect, but the people are largely for the civil service. And so the people rule. Politicians think that they win elections. Yet really all they get out of

winning is a new hat and an occasional ten-dollar bill. Government goes on just the same. Roosevelt lost in 1912. But the

who is in office; through one device or another public sentiment registers. The resignation of Dover, who was expected



Letting go isn't so easy when the current is strong  
(See Mr. White's Comment, "Nobody's Tariff")

Roosevelt majority dominated the Wilson Administration and controlled legislation for half a dozen years. It makes small difference

to bring back the political aroma of the McKinley Administration and who failed because the people gagged at it, proved how

futile a thing it is to move against the current of the times. It would be just as hard to bring back horse cars and public lotteries as to return the civil service to conditions that were normal a quarter of a century ago.

Elmer Dover may be imported. But the clock does not turn back for a name. Normalcy means normal conditions of to-day and not normal conditions of Mark Hanna's happy day. We have fallen upon soft and flabby times, when men pale and sicken at jobbery which once they swallowed with gusto. And so Elmer Dover goes "outward with the tide."

## A Negro Golf Club

AT WESTFIELD, N. J., a negro golf club has been established and a nine-hole course laid out. A negro colony there seems to warrant the golf course. The item that this course is laid out will cause a million giggles to sizzle across the country. Cartoonists will make funny pictures of it. Vaudeville artists will do sketches about it. Something exquisitely funny seems to excite the white race when it sees the colored race doing things which are ordinary parts of the day's work and play to the white people. It is as though the elephant should drive an auto or a horse play the piano.

The reason for this risibility of the white man at the black man's human activities is obvious, and it is no credit to the white man. He thinks it is funny to see the black man doing things that normal human beings do, because the white man does not think of his dark-skinned fellow traveler on the planet as a human companion. The white man considers any colored man—black, brown, red, yellow or maroon—as an animal. The anthropological conceit of the white man is ponderous, unbelievable, vastly amusing to the gods.

Why should not the black man play golf if his economic status gives him leisure for golf? Why should he not have a motor car and a country home if he can afford it? Why giggle at the normal activities of men whose skin differs from our own? Something of the same psychological reason is behind the fact that we middle class people make merry over the fact that the worker in the mines or shops or furnaces wears a silk shirt or rents a house with a bath or rides to work in a car. Why shouldn't he? Is he an elephant doing stunts? Is he a horse playing the piano? What's the

joke if he develops the same desires and aspirations that we do, and who, in God's name, are we, anyway?

## Our Leisure Class.

GEORGE HORACE LORIMER, editor of "The Saturday Evening Post," is the world's best editor, and when he said the other day that women were destined to rule the world men should stop and listen. For Lorimer knows. In another age he would have been a major prophet. His instinct for the tendencies, needs and aspirations of the American public probably is greater than that of any other living American public man. In his day Roosevelt was his only rival. So when Lorimer says that women are to rule the world, mamma and the girls should begin a practice reigning.

As a matter of fact, the world is ruled by its leisure classes. And mamma and the girls are about the only members of the leisure classes which a busy and excited generation has left. The wire and the pipe have given woman her freedom; not entire freedom. She still has to see to the housework, have the babies and manage the domestic affairs of her men. But housework is to an unbelievable extent a matter of pressing buttons, turning faucets and telephoning to some one to come and do something. So mamma and the girls have their hours of ease.

They read our newspapers for us, censor our books, accept or reject our plays and direct much public sentiment. They are intensely interested in politics as it affects the home. Hence the growing interest in domestic measures, and the growing number of food inspectors, milk experts, market controllers and the prevalence of controversies about the price of light, heat and water and power. Mamma and the girls are on the job.

It's not destined to be an easy job, this matter of governing man. For he is recalcitrant and hates high taxes. But what mamma and the girls care? So they will have it out with father as they have had it out with him for 10,000 years. It may be the new heaven for mamma, but it's the same old earth for father. Mother will rule, but father will keep on kicking as it was in the beginning and shall be ever after. Mr. Lorimer is right with reservations.

# THE SCHOOL OF AUCTION BRIDGE

By R. F. FOSTER

ONE of the things that beginners seem to be slow to realize is the weakness of their position when opposed to the declarer, and the importance of strengthening that position by every means in their power.

The great advantage of the declarer is that he knows what he is doing. As soon as dummy's cards are laid down he can see just what his silent partner has and what cards in that hand can be used to the greatest advantage in combination with his own.

The declarer makes no false starts. He never begins by leading a suit that is absolutely hopeless while he has other suits in which something can be accomplished. He never plays a small card of a suit in which dummy cannot possibly win a trick, when he might easily play something in which dummy could run off the game.

His adversaries do these things all the time, simply because they do not know any better. If they could see each other's hands there would be a remarkable reversal of the figures that show how often the declarer can win games that might have been saved, and make contracts that should have been set.

It is the business of the adversaries to get on a level with the declarer as far as possible and as soon as possible. Although they cannot see each other's hands, they can at least tell each other about certain suits, and perhaps later they may be able to convey some information about other suits.

This can be done only by intelligent leading and by the use of the several echoes, unblocking plays and encouraging discards that convention has placed at their disposal. These require no more care and attention in their use than the care and attention given by the

declarer to the possibilities of combining his cards with dummy's. The trouble is that so many players do not put on the whole armor of defense.

Take one simple rule and watch how many players fail to avail themselves of it. It is conventional before leading your partner's suit to show an ace-king suit of your own, if you are fortunate to have one. The same is true if you have an ace-king suit and can return your partner's suit. The situation has been illustrated in these articles. You win the first round of your partner's suit and go right back with it. What is he going to do when he is through with his suit. Had you

shown your ace by leading the king he would know.  
When opening a suit of your own there are

ways of indicating whether or not you have any outside tricks. The leads from A Q J and A J 10 are familiar examples. When opening a suit that you hope to establish you may or may not have any re-entries, but in case you have three re-entries you can afford to show that you have two of them left. Players do not show only two winning cards unless their suit can be established in one round. Take the deal in the second column as an example.

This went the rounds of seventeen tables in a duplicate game, and fifteen of the declarers made five odd, or a little slam. Z dealt and bid no-trump, and was left to play it. Some of those who held A's cards started right off with the spades, while others led one round of hearts, to show their re-entry, and then went to the spades.

Those who led a heart first and then a spade saved the slam by getting a trick with the ace of clubs. On getting in with the spade queen, Z had to establish the clubs before losing dummy's only sure re-entry, the king of diamonds, in case the ace of clubs was held up. Having spades, B naturally returns that suit and Z takes the rest of the tricks.

Not a single table in the room saved this game. In one or two cases Y took out the no-trumps with two clubs. Many players are coming to regard six trumps of any kind as a good take-out when they have a singleton. Those who played the hand at clubs had a good lesson in the importance of the rule not to

lead trumps while you have any losing cards in the adversaries' suit.

After trumping the second heart with the queen, if dummy leads king and ten, overtaking with the jack, he loses a heart trick and the game. Instead of that, if he trumps with the ten, and leads two rounds of spades, dummy can ruff again, and then if he leads a small diamond from dummy, the last heart can be trumped, winning the game.

The mistake that cost the game against the no-trumper was not using the Foster echo, playing the eight of hearts upon the king, when A opened with that card. If A will stop, look and think he must place at least J 4 2 with B, and if he goes right along with the hearts, to unblock, instead of shifting to spades, five hearts and the ace of clubs must make, even if A leads right up to the spade tenace for the fourth trick.

This is the solution of problem No. 115, in which hearts were trumps, Z to lead, and Y-Z to win all the tricks.

Z opens with the queen of spades, whether A covers or not, Y wins the trick with the ace and leads the trump. If B ducks, the five holds, A discarding a diamond. Y then leads a diamond, which Z overtakes with the ace, so as to pick up B's trump.

On this trick, if A discards his last diamond Y will shed his queen, and all Z's are good. If A lets go the king of spades Y sheds the eight of clubs, making a trick in each suit by get-

ting into the lead with the diamond. If A lets go one of his clubs Y discards the spade, and makes two club tricks and a diamond.

There are a number of variations in the defense, but none of them is good enough to defeat the solution.

## Queries and Answers

### AUCTION BRIDGE

QUESTION—Score 21 to 21, rubber game. Dealer holds six hearts to the king, jack, ten; ace, queen small in clubs; king and two small spades and a small diamond.—A. S. P.

### BRIDGE PROBLEM NO. 116

Y A 9 3  
K 10 4 3  
A 10  
K 7  
K J 9 8 5  
9  
A 4 2  
8 3  
J 7 2  
9  
K Q 10  
A Q J 5 2  
A Q 6 4

There are no trumps, and Z leads. Y and Z want seven tricks. How do they get them? Solution next week.

Answer—Good players do not consider the score as affecting the bid unless there is a choice. Those who are opposed to making a bid at one score that they would not make at another urge that the object is to get the contract, regardless of the score. Hands of the character submitted belong to the class known as "too strong to pass," and there should be no objection to calling a heart. If partner denies the hearts with diamonds, go to no-trump. It takes two-odd at either red suit to go game. Question—Is there any fixed rule for announcing the declarations at auction? Some say, I pass; some say, No bid; others say, By me; others just say No. We find some who say I reserve, meaning, that if no one else will make a bid, they will do so next round.—J. J. C.

Answer—Any form that is distinct is allowable, but the same person should use the same form all the time. There is no such thing as reserving the bid at auction.

Question—There is no doubting, but the declarer falls three short of his contract, at the same time claiming a revoke by one adversary. What is the correct score, apart from the honors, which are, of course, not affected?—J. B. A.

Answer—As the two tricks are of no value and would still leave the declarer one shy of his contract, the better plan is to score the 50 points in honors for the revoke. As the declarer cannot be set by revoking players, that ends the matter.

## POKER

Question—Under what conditions can the ace be part of a straight flush?—B. J. C.  
Answer—Either at the top or the bottom of a sequence. In the first case the straight is ace high; in the second it is only five high.